RD AN No. <u>4173</u> (4274-D) April 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Poverty Line Guidelines for Business Programs

TO: State Directors, Rural Development

ATTN: Business Programs Directors

## PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

This Administrative Notice (AN) is being reissued to notify Business and Cooperative Programs personnel of a change in the poverty line income figures.

## COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN revises and replaces AN No. 4161 (4274-D), dated March 29, 2006. This AN revises the income figures.

## IMPLEMENTATION:

Effective immediately and continuing until further notice, the poverty line referred to in RD Instruction 4274-D, section 4274.344(c)(2)(i), and RD Instruction 1942-G, section 1942.305(b)(3)(ii)(B), is \$20,000 per year for all States except Alaska and Hawaii. The applicable poverty line is \$25,000 for Alaska and \$23,000 for Hawaii.

Current poverty line information was published by the Department of Health and Human Services in the <u>Federal Register</u> on January 24, 2006, on pages 3848-3849.

(Signed by Jackie J. Gleason)

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EXPIRATION DATE:

April 30, 2007

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Preceding RD Instruction 4274-D

Note To File:Lori Washington logged on to the Department of Health and Human Services, HHS Poverty Guidelines on the internet <a href="http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml">http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml</a> and obtained the poverty line information for 2006 which is \$20,000 (see attachment for additional information).